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Tops In Blue members, Tech. Sgt. Chandra Smith (center), Airman 1st Class David Butler (left) and Airman 1st Class Barry Smith (right) performed during the variety show here Tuesday night at Hangar 4. Tops In Blue, the Air Force's premier entertainment group based at Lackland Air Force Base, travels throughout the world performing primarily for military audiences. (Photo by Steve White)

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Lifesaver: Seat belts save lives of Randolph Airman, daughter

By David DeKunder
Wngspread staff writer

A Randolph Airman hopes his and his daughter’s experience of surviving a rollover crash will be heard during the 101 Critical Days of Summer and will teach fellow servicemembers the importance of wearing seat belts every time they’re in a vehicle.

Tech. Sgt. Germaine Barnett, base Health and Wellness Center information manager, and his 5-year-old daughter were involved in a single-car rollover accident on the morning of March 23, Easter Sunday, in San Antonio. He was driving



Courtesy photo
Tech. Sgt. Germaine Bamett’s car after the accident.

home to Cibolo from a friend’s house when the accident occurred.

Tech. Sgt. Scotty Johns, 12th Flying Training Wing Safety Non-commissioned officer in charge, said the base safety office will be displaying the wreckage of Sergeant Bamett’s car on the side of the right outbound lane near the main gate as part of the 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign.

“We are going to put a sign in front that says seat belts save lives,” he said. “We feel like if Sergeant Barnett had not been wearing the proper restraining device, it could have easily been a fatality or significant injury.”

Sergeant Barnett was traveling eastbound on Highway 90, near the Highway 281 and Interstate 37 interchange, at approximately 8 a.m. when he was driving around a curve and saw a parked car in front of him in the acceleration lane with no lights on.

“I swerved to avoid the parked car in the fast lane,” he said. “When I swerved to avoid the car, I hit a light pole and flipped over. The last thing I remember I was sitting upside down in my seat and some emergency personnel were cutting the seat belt to get me out.”

Sergeant Barnett was taken to Brooke Army Medical Center and had to recuperate for three days from his injuries – a separated shoulder, a broken collarbone, three broken ribs and several cuts caused by the shattered glass in the accident. His daughter, who was strapped in a booster seat in the backseat on the passenger side, was not harmed. She came away without a scratch or cut.

Sergeant Barnett said his accident is a reminder to Airmen and everyone of the importance of adhering to the safety rules of the road.

“My accident shows that people should always wear a seat belt and should always pay attention to the road – just be aware of your surroundings,” he said. “Seat belts do work. I truly believe seat belts saved mine and my daughter’s lives.”

When traveling with their children, parents should always follow the proper rules and regulations for strapping their child into a booster seat, because it could prove to be the difference between life or death in an accident, Sergeant Barnett said.

“Any pain I received in the accident didn’t mean anything as long as my daughter was okay,” he said. “I truly believe someone was looking out for us that morning. I always wear my seat belt, but this accident proved to me that seat belts truly do save lives and prevent injuries.”

According to the NHTSA study, 425 children age 4 and under who wore child restraints in 2006 were saved in a car crash.

A study done by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said the use of seat belts in automobiles saved 15,383 lives in 2006 and that during a five-year period from 2002 to 2006, more than 75,000 lives were saved when people used seat belts. The NHTSA said if all unrestrained motor vehicle occupants involved in a deadly accident would have worn their seat belts in 2006, an additional 5,441 lives could have been saved.

12th Services Division director named Senior Civilian Specialist of Year

By Robert Goetz
Wngspread staff writer

One year after leading the 12th Services Division to an Air Force-level award, a veteran Team Randolph member has earned an individual honor at that level.

Terrye Heagerty, 12th Services Division director, is the Air Force Services Senior Civilian Specialist of the Year.

“I am honored and humbled to receive this recognition,” said Ms. Heagerty. “I really have to attribute it to the awesome services team we have here at Randolph. Without each and every one of them providing extraordinary programs and services as well as world-class customer service, I would not have ever had a chance.”

This is the third time Ms. Heagerty has been a services director. Previously she was the director at

Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., and Columbus AFB, Ohio. She has been at Randolph for more than three years.

Col. Jim Sohan, Mission Support Group commander, said Ms. Heagerty’s “leadership style and concern for her people” earned her the award.

“She’ll be the first to tell you that her success is a result of what others in 12th Services have accomplished, but without a doubt it’s Ms. Heagerty’s leadership that gave them the direction, the opportunity and the resources to excel,” he said. “The many awards won by 12th Services are a reflection not only of the outstanding people we have in Services, but the leadership of Ms. Heagerty.”

Mike Casey, 12th Services business flight chief, called Ms. Heagerty “the best I have worked for in 40 years in this business,” and Shelta Reese, 12th Services marketing director, said she



Terrye Heagerty
is “absolutely the best at building an outstanding team.”
“Terrye’s positive attitude and enthusiasm is contagious, so every-

one in the division stays excited about satisfying our customers and creating new programs,” Ms. Reese said.

Under Ms. Heagerty’s direction, the 12th Services Division last year won the Gen. Curtis E. LeMay Award, which recognizes the best unit in the large-base category, marking the first time a Randolph unit had received this honor in more than 35 years. Her strong team-building and relentless dedication led to recognition for best Child Development Program in the Air Force, Air Education and Training Command Inns of Excellence for Lodging, seven best programs in AETC, top small gun club in the nation by the National Skeet Shooting Association and the only military base to earn the Texas Clean Marina Award.

Among Ms. Heagerty’s other accomplishments were:

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- The Fitness Center earning its first Air Force five-star recognition and the library earning five-star recognition for the fifth-straight year.
- Advocating funds and optimizing resources to build an \$80,000 deck/cabana at the golf course.
- Exceeding the Air Force goal for the youth FitFactor program with 455 participants, highest in the AETC, and winning a \$4,000 grant.
- Hosting “Discover the Treasure of Services” customer appreciation week with a \$10,000 budget and 1,800 customers participating.
- Listening to customers and planning and executing \$408,000 in upgrades at Canyon Lake.

Ms. Heagerty, who also acknowledged the support she received from leadership at Randolph and AETC Services, will receive the award at the Air Force Services Commanders/Directors Conference at Keystone, Colo., next month.

“It is kind of like winning the MVP of the Super Bowl,” she said. “I will get to be recognized in front of my peers; that’s where the humbling part comes in. There are so many dedicated, outstanding, hard-working services leaders that it will be an honor to receive this award in their presence.”

Lean Week



Photo by Rich McFadden

Charles Davies (kneeling), Component Maintenance Division chief, and Tony Hicks (right), assistant division chief, show Col. Jacqueline Van Ovost (left), 12th Flying Training Wing commander, part of the system used to perform a more streamlined process and decrease down time; one of the goals of the wing’s Lean Week initiative. As part of the Lean Week program, Team Randolph members are invited to submit any ideas on ways to improve efficiency and decrease downtime in their units to news@randolph.af.mil.

News BRIEFS

Clark scholarship

Today is the deadline to apply for the Col. Richard M. Clark Scholarship. Completed applications can be emailed to glenda.solomon@randolph.af.mil or dropped off to Glenda Solomon in the Taj Mahal, Building 100, Room 203.

CGOC car wash

The Randolph Company Grade Officers Council will host a car wash June 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Walgreens on FM 3009 in Schertz. All proceeds go to charity.

To volunteer to work the event, call 2nd Lt. Naomi Evangelista at 652-4410.

Schlitterbahn special

Schlitterbahn Waterpark Resort in New Braunfels

will celebrate Military Appreciation Days May 25-26 with a special ticket price of \$21.99, sixteen dollars off the regular price. Tickets are available at most active-duty military installations.

For more information, call 652-5640.

Health Advisory Council

The Health Care Consumers Advisory Council meets June 5 at 1:30 p.m. in the Randolph Clinic’s second-floor large conference room.

ROWWC luncheon

The Retired Officers’ Wives’ and Widows’ Luncheon takes place at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Club at Fort Sam Houston. For reservations, call Arline at 822-6559.

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Col. Jacqueline Van Ovost
12th Flying Training Wing commander



COMMENTARY

Remembering the fallen on Memorial Day

By Maj. Mike Nachshen
Public Affairs Education with Industry

Soon it will be Memorial Day, and I'll remember.

I'll remember Eric. I'll remember how even though I only met him two or three times, his wife was my assistant and I knew him through her eyes. I'll remember that every time she talked about him, the love of her life, her face would come alive and her sparkling eyes would light up the whole room. I'll remember that even though my wife and I couldn't make it to their wedding, we got the newlyweds a silver serving spoon they had listed on their registry. I'll remember when I last saw him, Eric and his wife were holding hands and they looked the way people do when they're in love with each other.

And because of Memorial Day, I'll remember.

I'll remember hearing we lost a plane in Iraq and how I figured the odds were pretty slim that it was someone I knew. I'll remember the sepia-toned West Texas landscape as we drove for what seemed like an eternity to the memorial service 90 long miles away and the way the eyes of Eric's wife glistened with tears as she contemplated being a widow at 26 while walking down that long aisle dressed in black and all alone.

And because it will be Memorial Day, I'll remember my friend Sarah. I'll remember how Sarah would stop by my desk every time she had business in my building and how her smile and laughter would burst into every nook and cranny and dropkick everyone's rotten mood into the trash can. I'll remember how she would insert funny pictures in my staff meeting slides when I stepped

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away from my desk for more than 30 seconds without locking my computer. And I'll remember Friday evenings at the officer's club, as we tried to solve world hunger and cure cancer while we washed down fried food with endless pitchers of frosty beverages.

And because it will be Memorial Day, I'll remember.

I'll remember how excited Sarah was when she told me about her upcoming deployment and how, as I looked at her, what it felt like to be a high-speed, low-drag young lieutenant headed overseas for the first time on what promised to be a giant adventure.

I'll remember being deployed for Hurricane Katrina relief efforts, opening that e-mail from my boss back home and reading the message which began "Mike, there is no easy way to tell you this ..."

And I'll remember what the dirt felt like on my hands as I threw it on her coffin while her parents and brothers cried and tried to understand what strange law of physics could allow a small wooden box to contain Sarah's irrepressible energy.

And because it will be Memorial Day, I'll remember.

I'll remember to make my way down to the local veterans' cemetery and remember the lives that were and the lives that should have been. I'll remember Eric and Sarah, each

with dreams and goals and aspirations. And while Eric and Sarah are surely heroes who died for their country, I'll remember them not as towering figures to be worshipped, but as people who laughed, loved and brought others happiness while trying to make the world a better place. And perhaps most importantly, I'll remember that they had people who loved them and still miss them and think about them every day.

I'll remember I'm on sacred ground and that each marker represents the crushed dream of a wife, a parent, a brother. I'll run my hand over the marble stone that marks some stranger's final resting place and remember that below my feet lies someone's Sarah, someone's Eric.

And because it will be Memorial Day, I will forget some things. I'll forget killer deals on new cars, plasma-screen TVs and deluxe dining room sets. I'll forget crass commercialism. I'll forget things that don't matter in life.

Because it will be Memorial Day, I'll remember the important things instead. I'll remember to kiss my wife and tell her I love her.

I'll remember the friends I have lost and those I'll never get a chance to meet. I'll remember they had names and faces. I'll remember ... I'll remember.

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For more information about submissions, call 652-5760.

Randolph’s AFAF campaign doubles fair share goal

By Robert Goetz
Wingspread staff writer

Randolph’s Air Force Assistance Fund campaign again far exceeded the installation’s fair share goal, nearly doubling the targeted amount of \$88,459.

This year’s campaign, which ended Sunday, topped \$175,000.

“To date, we have received \$175,200 in contributions toward our goal of \$175,960,” said Capt. Kelly Travis, base AFAF program manager.

He said Randolph establishes a 200 percent goal, double the fair share goal set by the Secretary of the Air Force based on persons served by the Military Personnel Flight.

Though the effort didn’t match last year’s total of more than \$191,000, which was 225 percent of the assigned goal, it was still a sig-

nificant achievement, Captain Travis said.

“It went really well,” he said. “Though everyday expenses are higher this year – especially with gas prices – we still had a really good turnout. Our participation rate was almost 50 percent.”

Randolph servicemembers’ generosity also allowed the base to place third in the Air Education and Training Command and fourth throughout the Air Force in percentage of contributions.

The Air Force Assistance Fund campaign is an annual springtime fund-raising event. It’s purpose is to raise money for four charities that help meet the needs of active-duty, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve and retired personnel and their families. The organizations are



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the Air Force Aid Society, the Air Force Enlisted Village Indigent Widows’ Fund, the Air Force Villages Indigent Widows’ Fund and The General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation.

Captain Travis said individual contributions collected by unit project managers weren’t the only fund-raising vehicle. Individual units held events such as burger burns, bake sales, breakfast taco sales and drawings to raise money for the fund.

He cited examples such as the

12th Medical Group’s drawing for a video gaming system and the 562nd and 563rd Flying Training Squadrons’ burger burns.

Captain Travis said the commissary played a major role in two burger burns at the beginning and end of the campaign, providing the location and donating food for the fund-raisers.

The Air Force Assistance Fund is one of two annual fund-raising campaigns at Randolph; the other is the Combined Federal Campaign, which benefits charitable organizations in the community.

Drenched



Photo by Rich McFadden

Col. Christopher Weggeman, 12th Operations Group commander, kisses his wife, Ann, following his fini flight in the T-38 Talon here Monday. Colonel Weggeman will be succeeded by Col. Ronald Buckley from the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base.

Randolph’s 340th FTG celebrates 10th anniversary

By Robert Goetz
Wngspread staff writer

A decade ago a unit that was established as a bombardment group in World War II and later became an air refueling group was reactivated for the third time in its existence.

Its new assignment was to provide associate instructor pilots for the Air Education and Training Command’s specialized undergraduate pilot training mission.

Based for 10 years at Randolph, the Air Force Reserve Command’s 340th Flying Training Group will observe its 10th birthday with two conferences and an anniversary celebration in June.

The group’s enlisted and commanders’ conferences are planned for June 3-5; the anniversary celebration will begin at 6 p.m. June 5 with a dinner at a local restaurant, followed by bowling and golf tournaments June 6 and a picnic June 7.

The anniversary activities are a fitting celebration of the 340th FTG’s first 10 years, which were marked by stability and growth.

“We went from 100 people to more than 800,” said Master Sgt. Anna Franco, the current chief of employment and relocation, who has served with the group since its rebirth as a reserve unit. “The number of pilots has quadrupled. They also keep giving us new units to stand up.”

The group, which belongs to the 10th Air Force at Carswell Joint Reserve Base in Fort Worth, consists of six flying training squadrons: the 5th at Vance Air Force Base, Okla., the 43rd at Columbus AFB, Miss., the 70th at the Air Force Academy (which provides glider pilot and parachute training), the 96th at Laughlin AFB, Texas, the 97th at Sheppard AFB, Texas, and the 39th at Randolph.

The 340th FTG was established as a reserve associate instructor pilot program in 1998, one year after

the Air Force Reserve Command became the Air Force’s ninth major command. The program pairs Active Guard Reserve and Traditional Reserve IPs with active-duty members to share a single set of aircraft.

“At that time the Air Force was short of pilots and needed some help from the Air Force Reserve Command,” said Col. Terry Ross, 340th FTG commander. “We provided them with instructor pilots to help out at all bases.”

One of the group’s hallmarks is experience.

“We provide the most experienced instructor force for AETC,” said Colonel Ross, an instructor pilot who served on active duty from 1984 to 1999. “They average 3,600 hours of flying time, about 1,800 of that in instruction time. Most were instructors when they were on active duty.”

He also said reservists’ experience is one reason active-duty IPs often turn to them for guidance on matters from scheduling to overall management. Reservists’ impact throughout the Air Force is significant, accounting for 20 percent of pilot training.

Chief Master Sgt. Dennis Maurer, the group’s military personnel flight superintendent, said the reserve associate program has been a success.

“Very few people thought we could do it,” he said. “Not only have we done the mission we set out to do, we’ve gone beyond that. We’ve had a real influence on the Air Force. The Air Force Reserve Command is



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Chief Master Sgt. Dennis Maurer

looking at more associate programs in other areas.”

Statistics back up Chief Maurer’s claim, particularly at 340th FTG bases, where reservists serve in all aspects of the training mission with their active-duty counterparts.

“The Air Force was losing instructors at a high rate,” he said. “We were able to bring some of them back to the military and still allow them an opportunity to begin their civilian careers.”

In addition to experience, reserve IPs provide continuity at bases throughout the Air Force. While active-duty personnel serve at the same base for three or four years, it’s not unusual for reservists to stay for five years or more.

Though instructor pilots account for most of the group’s more than 700 personnel, the administrative staff housed in Building 863 provides support in areas such as finance, personnel and communications.

Chief Maurer believes reservists will play an even more important role in the Air Force as it transitions from a strategic to an operational force.

“The regular Air Force is asking for more associate programs, so it’s looking for more and more guard support,” he said. “It’s a testament to how successful we’ve been.”

The upcoming enlisted conference gives personnel an opportunity to “come together and share ideas, talk about new policies and hash out any problems.

But this 10-year anniversary will also give them a chance to celebrate their successes.



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<p><i>"The most challenging aspect of the course for me was not to channel my attention to items that I was most comfortable with, but to make sure I took the time to become familiar with all the tools we had at our disposal to ensure the mission was successful."</i></p> Lt. j.g. Brett Batz P-3C NAS Jacksonville, Fla.			<p><i>"CSO School does a great job at building a core skill set of task management, attention to detail, situational awareness, crew resource management and teamwork. I wake up each morning and remember I'm an officer in this Air Force and am humbled by it's importance."</i></p> 2nd Lt. Daniel Morgan EC-130H (EWO) Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.			

Air Force CSOs, Navy NFOs complete training, graduate today

Eighteen Air Force Combat Systems Officers and five Naval Flight Officers receive their wings during a combat systems officer graduation today. The ceremony is at 10 a.m. in the officers' club.

During the combat systems officer course, which begins at the 562nd Flying Training Squadron, students learn fundamental, system and intermediate navigation. Air Force and Navy students spend about 12 months in training, including a Pensacola, Fla., course for the Navy and Introductory Flight School for the Air Force.

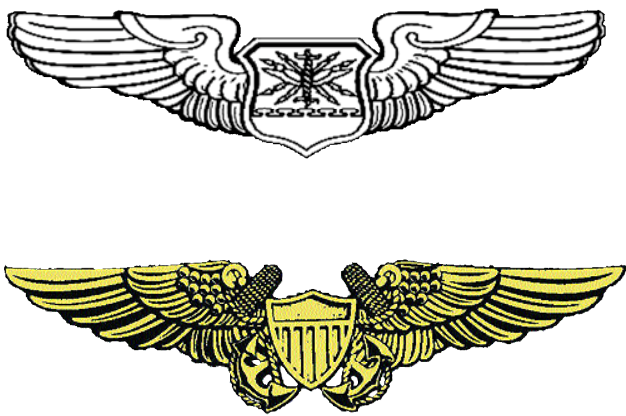
Navy and Air Force students spend 90 days in the primary phase, learning the basics. They become masters of chart construction, radio aid and RADAR navigation and dead reckoning.

During the intermediate phase, students

integrate these systems in a high-level-environment scenario. These scenarios provide realistic training mimicking air refueling, over-water operations and joint-warfare principles. After the intermediate phase, students elect to either continue in advanced navigation at the 562nd FTS or do advanced electronic warfare officer training at the 563rd FTS.

Advanced navigation students learn how to operate in a low-level environment. Advanced timing, target drops, threat reaction and airborne radar approaches round out the curriculum.

Advanced Electronic Warfare Officer students master advanced employment and planning of electronic warfare and weapons in a state-of-the-art simulator which emulates real-world tactic environments for reconnaissance, bomber and fighter training missions.



FEATURE

Going for the dream: Rambler Fitness Center hosts AF volleyball camp; spikers vying for a spot on service-wide team

By David DeKunder
Wngspread staff writer

Athletes from across the Air Force have descended on Randolph for a two-week camp that could land them a coveted spot on the All Air Force Women's Volleyball Team, which starts competing this summer.

The Rambler Fitness Center is hosting this year's All Air Force Women's Volleyball Trial Camp, which began May 14 and runs through May 31. Camp participants are going through two workouts a day, morning and afternoon, in hopes of getting one of the 11 spots on the team.

Airmen who make the final cut will be part of the All Air Force Women's Team that will compete in the 2008 Armed Forces Women's Volleyball Championship June 1-8 at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C. The All Air Force Women's Team will try to hold on to the Armed Forces Championship they won last year at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y.

During the Armed Forces Women's Championship, the Armed Forces Women's Volleyball Team will be selected to represent the U.S. at the 2008 Conseil International du Sport Militaire Championship June 19-29 in Warendorf, Germany.

Al Johnson, Air Force women's volleyball coach, said the camp usually has upwards of 23 women trying out for the team, but because of deployments and mission essential duties, over 10 players will be in camp this year.

Regardless of how many players are in camp, Mr. Johnson said he is not wavering from his original goal of finding those people who will be a good fit for the women's team.

"We are looking at people who can enhance our program and have a tactical awareness for the game," said Mr. Johnson, a retired Air Force captain

"Randolph has been a fantastic host. They have an amazing gym facility and with the proximity of the lodging on base we can get everywhere quickly. The logistics of their package is amazing."

Al Johnson
Air Force women's volleyball coach



Photos by Rich McFadden

Lindsey Bengard reaches to spike the volleyball in a team practice here Tuesday. Volleyball players from across the Air Force have been invited here to try out for the 2008 Women's Volleyball team.

who has a 23-year career playing on and coaching Air Force volleyball teams. "Volleyball is a pure team sport. We want to see if they can relate to the other players and if they have the mental and positive attitude for the game."



Staff Sgt. Zach Coyner, a Randolph Air Force Base physical therapist, examines Myreen Bueno following a team practice at the Rambler Fitness Center here.

Besides being in top physical condition and having game experience, Mr. Johnson said the women trying out for the team must be knowledgeable about the game.

"They must understand our offensive and defensive systems and the adjustments that will need to be made in those systems; that is crucial," he said. "We will teach the players the strategic and tactical things they need to enhance their basic skills and put them in a position where their strengths will be put to the forefront."

The women participating in the camp are Air Force active-duty or active-duty reserve members. They were chosen by a committee after submitting an Air Force 303 form to Air Force Sports, which is "a resume of volleyball accomplishments," Mr. Johnson said.

Women were eligible to try out for a spot on the Air Force team if they played at a collegiate, junior college or junior Olympic level.

Mr. Johnson said Randolph is the perfect location to hold this year's camp because of the base's facilities and lodging.

"Randolph has been a fantastic host," Mr. Johnson said. "They have an amazing gym facility and with the proximity of the lodging on base we can get everywhere quickly. The logistics of their package is amazing."

Monika Johncour, a student flight commander at Randolph, is a veteran of services volleyball competition, having played on the Air Force women's team that won the USA Volleyball National Championships, where she was selected to the all-tournament team.

Ms. Johncour, who is trying to earn a spot on her third Air Force-level team, said having less people in the camp benefits the team as it prepares for the Armed Forces Championship.

"This year will be totally different because we will be focused on getting the girls we have here on the same page and learning how to play as a team as opposed to weeding out girls in the first week," she said. "As we go through practices, we will be looking to see what works in getting each girl to focus on what needs to be accomplished."

Off the court the players will get a chance to spend time together because they will be housed on base, which will benefit team unity, Ms. Johncour said.

"We have gone out to dinner and lunch together," Ms. Johncour said. "The whole point is to get to know each other and see what makes each other tick."

Carly Johnson, a setter who is trying to make the team for the second year in a row, said the camp allows her to improve her skills against some of the best players in the Air Force.

"I can expect tough practices here," said Mr. Johnson, who played four years of volleyball at the Air Force Academy. "It is great to play with people who have the same skill level you do and can challenge you."



Al Johnson, Women's Volleyball Team coach, walks Melissa Bland through a couple serving basics to hone her technique. Ms. Bland played for the Air Force Academy while in college and is now trying out for a spot on this years Air Force team.

12th Services Briefs

ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER – 652-5142

- **Graduation memories**

Graduations, from kindergarten to college, are right around the corner. Preserve your special moments with a little help from Arts and Crafts.

AUTO SKILLS CENTER

- **Automotive maintenance class**

A two-session automotive maintenance class takes place June 3 and 10 from 6-8 p.m. Participants learn to change oil, rotate tires and complete a brake job. Cost is \$45, plus supplies. Deadline to sign up is May Tuesday.

BOWLING CENTER- 652-6271

- **Coushatta casino summer bowling league**

Sign up for the Coushatta casino summer bowling league now. The league will run June 5-August 7. Team composition can be any combination of sanctioned adult league bowlers and the league is limited to the first 24 teams to sign up.

At the conclusion of the league, the bowlers will enjoy an overnight bus trip to the Grand Coushatta Casino in Kinder, La.

ENLISTED CLUB – 652-3056

- **Bring your boss night**

On May 30 at 5 p.m. bring your boss to the Nite Club and enter to win an office party (up to \$50 value).

GOLF COURSE -652-4570

- **Adams Golf demo day**

Head to the driving range on June 14 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to participate in the Adams demo day. There will also be \$1 draft beers on the Tee Time Deck.- **Free golf advice**

During May Mr. Brian Cannon will be at the driving range on Thursdays and Fridays from 4–6 p.m. to give

you tips on how to improve your swing.

Additionally, the unit that gets the most people to stop by for advice will earn 20% off their next golf tournament.

INFORMATION, TICKETS AND TRAVEL – 652-5640

- **Season pool passes**

Season pool passes can be purchased at ITT, Bldg. 897. Cost is \$35 per person for an individual pass or \$75 per family of 3 (\$10 for each additional child). Family season passes are limited to immediate family members i.e., sponsor and dependents. Daily admission is \$2 per person.- **Swim lesson registration**

Register for swim lessons now at ITT, Bldg. 897. Swim lessons are held at the South pool and are available for children six weeks and older. Please bring your DoD ID card to register. The cost for swim lessons is \$25 per session for those who possess a season pool pass or \$50 per session for those who do not possess a season pass.

OFFICERS' CLUB – 652-4864

- **Military retiree appreciation brunch**

In honor of military retirees and their sacrifices, the officers' club is proud to recognize them on Sunday during the champagne brunch from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Retired military club members wearing their uniform receive their brunch for free, compliments of the club.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

- **Pool opening**

The Center Pool opens tomorrow at 1 p.m.- **Game night**

Game night at the Center Pool takes place June 6 from 6-8 p.m. There is no open swim during this time. The price is \$1 per person for season pass holders or \$3 for all others and includes a hot dog and drink.

RAMBLER FITNESS CENTER – 652-2955

- **Air Force Fitness & Sports' In Training**

The Fitness & Sports' In Training program is now "live". Participants can sign up for the program on the public USAF Sports site <http://usafsports.com/> and receive information about getting a PIN. The PIN allows them to log on to the tracking site <http://utrakit.fitlinxx.com> to activate their account. Then they'll be able to track all their exercise activity from any computer w/ Internet access.

The program is sponsored in part by FitLinxx(R), Precor(R)USA and the Cooper Institute. No federal endorsement of sponsors is intended.

YOUTH CENTER – 652-3298

- **End of school dances**

Join the pre-teens June 6, from 6:30-10 p.m. and the teens on Saturday, June 7, from 7-10 p.m. to celebrate the end of school by dancing the night away. Admission is \$3 for members or \$4 for nonmembers. Bring extra money for refreshments & your best moves.- **Father and son brunch**

On June 7 at 10 a.m. the youth center's male staff is cooking a pancake breakfast in celebration of Father's Day. Share a delicious breakfast with Dad and enjoy some quality time together. This free breakfast is open to families with sons 5 years and older. Sign up at the youth center by June 4.

WOOD SKILLS CENTER – 652-5142

- **Beginner's woodworking class**

A two-session woodworking class takes place June 3 and 10 from 6-8 p.m. Participants learn the basics of woodworking and are certified on the equipment.

The cost is \$45 plus supplies and the sign-up deadline is Tuesday..

KINDER GAMBLING TRIP TO COUSHATTA

JULY 22-23



Package includes:

Round trip motor coach transportation

Hotel accommodations

Continental breakfast

\$23 voucher from casino

Tour guide

Bus departs at 8 a.m. and returns at approximately 9:30 p.m. the next day

\$49 for double occupancy

for single occupancy \$98

Deadline to sign up is two weeks prior to tour date

Stop by ITT at Bldg. 897 or 652 - 5640 to sign up

LET'S MAKE A

MEAL DEAL

June 5



Would you like your dinner for almost free?

Join us every First Thursday for the Membership Appreciation Deck Party on the Officers' Club Deck!

When paying for your meal, let the cashier know what group/tenant organization you are assigned to for a chance for your group/tenant organization to win the next First Thursday meal half off! Additionally everyone at the party will be entered into a drawing to win four free Regal Cinema movie tickets.

COST:

\$3 for members, \$6 for nonmembers

TIME:

Deck Bar 4 - 8 p.m.

Buffet 5 - 7 p.m.

Clown Entertainment 5 - 7 p.m.

Family Movie 5 - 7 p.m.

Texas Tide Band 5 - 8 p.m.

MOVIES

Randolph Movie Theater - 652-3278

Adults - \$4.00 Children (11 yrs. and under) \$2.00

		
<p>“Street Kings” Keanu Reeves, Forest Whitaker Friday, 7 p.m. Rated R, 108 min.</p>	<p>“Prom Night” Brittany Snow, Johnathon Schaech Saturday, 6 p.m. Rated PG-13, 88 min.</p>	<p>“The Ruins” Jonathan Tucker, Jena Malone Sunday, 3 p.m. Rated R, 91 min.</p>

Community BRIEFS

RANDOLPH CHAPEL – 652-6121

- **Chapel schedule**
For a complete chapel schedule, including Protestant, Catholic and other religious services, visit www.randolph.af.mil and click the “chapel” link on the right side.

MISCELLANEOUS

- **Memorial Day closures**
The base thrift shop and the Airman and Family Readiness Center will be closed Monday in observance of Memorial Day.

AIRMAN & FAMILY READINESS CENTER - 652-5321

- **Credit When Credit is Due**
A course designed to enhance credit management skills takes place Tuesday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the A&FRC. The course, which runs for five consecutive Tuesdays, addresses topics such as financial decision making, establishing and rebuilding credit, auto loans and leases, mortgage loans and bankruptcy. Completion of the course adds positive statements to the credit reports of participants. Participants must attend all five sessions.
Call 652-5321 for more information.

- **San Antonio tour**
A tour of San Antonio historic sites takes place May 30 from 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants will also stop for lunch

and shopping. Child care is provided with home day care providers for children under the age of 12.
Call 652-3060 to make reservations.

- **How to Start a Business**
The Small Business Administration will present a course on starting your own business Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at the A&FRC. Pre-register by calling 652-5321.

EDUCATION CENTER - 652-5964

- **Part-time position available**
The education center is seeking an applicant to fill a part-time test administrator position. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college and U.S. citizenship. A minimum of one year's experience in testing and strong computer skills are preferred.
E-mail your name and contact information to Ricky Harris at ricky.harris@randolph.af.mil no later than June 4.

- **ACCD**
View summer and fall course offerings for any of the Alamo Community Colleges via Web site at www.accd.edu.
Course offerings for Randolph can be viewed at www.accd.edu/spc/admin/extsvcs, or stop by the office to pick up course schedules. Note the earlier start times of 4:45 p.m. for most summer courses.
To talk with the ACCD representatives about educational goals or to make an appointment for testing, call 659-1096 or visit Building 208, Room 10.

- **Park University**
Park University is closed today for the graduation ceremony at Lackland Air Force Base.
Registration for the summer term runs through May 30 and the term starts on June 2. Course schedules for summer are posted online at <http://www.park.edu/Course/index.aspx>.
Introduction to Math (MA105) is being offered in an eight-week format, which can be used to complete your math requirement for CCAF.
For more information, e-mail rand@park.edu or visit the Randolph office in Building 208, Room 5.

- **ERAU**
Classes for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's 08/U2 summer term II begin Monday.
Call 659-0801 for details.

- **Wayland Baptist**
Wayland Baptist University's summer term begins Monday. WBU offices will be closed Monday in observance of Memorial Day. Late registration begins Tuesday. The summer term runs from May 26 until Aug. 9.
For more information, call 945-8379 or visit Building 208, Room 11.

- **St. Mary's University**
The summer term on campus begins Wednesday. Late registration begins Thursday. To view the course schedule or for more information, visit www.stmarytx.edu/registrar.

SPORTS and FITNESS

We are the Champions



The Randolph High School girls track team pose for a team photo with their championship Class 2A state trophy. From left to right, front row: Jasmine Kent and Jayla McArthur; middle row: Sydney Solomon, Coach Misty Kinsey and Ria Rivers; back row: Tyler Burden, Keisha Abrams, Whitney Trujillo, Kenya Alexander, Tamoya Morrison, Nathalie Goad and Caitlin Carter.
Courtesy Photo

A BIG HIT

Randolph softball team ranked No. 4 in state

By David DeKunder
Wingspread staff writer

A Randolph-based softball team finished second at a College Station, Texas, tournament held earlier this month that featured competition from across the state.

The American Federation of Government Employees 1840 team advanced to the championship game of the coed division at the Budfest Tournament May 3-4. Team AFGE 1840 was the runner-up of 32 teams in the coed division, finishing 5-2 in the double-elimination tournament.

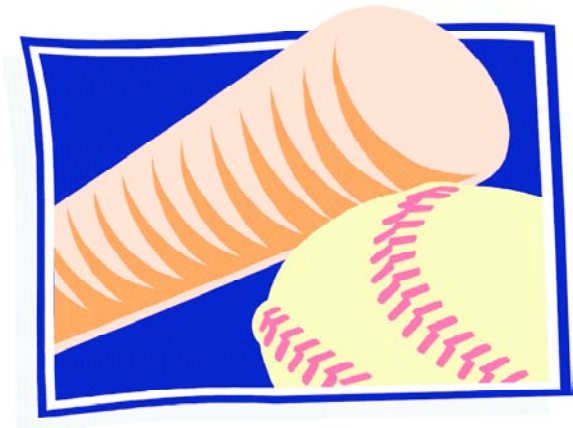
Budfest had teams competing in four divisions, three for men and one for women.

Team AFGE 1840 had to play a grueling schedule during the tournament, playing three-straight games on the tournament's last night, a Sunday, not giving them much time to rest for the championship game, which started at 9 p.m.

The team from Randolph lost to Bulldog Roofing of Fort Worth, 10-0, in the championship game. Bulldog Roofing, which gave Team AFGE 1840 its first loss earlier in the tournament, was the No. 1-ranked team in the state.

Dwayne Mumaw, Team AFGE 1840 coach, said by performing well at the tournament, his team moved up in the state rankings.

"We are ranked in the top four in the state in the



coed division of the Lone Star Softball rankings," Mr. Mumaw said.

Team AFGE 1840 had five players selected to the Budfest all-tournament team. They were outfielders Marcus Griffin-Hamilton, Bruce Tarpey and Stacy Robinson and infielders Roger Ramirez and Monika Johncour.

The team scored an average of 10 runs per game during the tournament, winning by scores of 15-14 in a third-round game and 13-12 in an eighth-inning semifinal game against Kings & Queens of Taylor, Texas, which put Team AFGE 1840 in the championship game.

Mr. Mumaw said playing together for two seasons paid off for the team at the tournament in College

Station.

"We have good team chemistry and are jelling together," Mr. Mumaw said. "We have played in three tournaments this year and by far Budfest has been our best finish. We were able to get timely hits. We came from behind to win a couple of games in our last at-bats, and our defense played well enough to allow us to come back because we kept our errors to a minimum."

The team, which is made up of a combination of 16 active-duty, Department of Defense civilians and military retirees, started playing last summer. For a second-year team, Team AFGE 1840 has quickly become one of the top teams in San Antonio and in the state.

Team AFGE 1840 came into Budfest after having won the spring coed league championship played at Alva Jo Fischer Park in San Antonio, going undefeated with a 10-0 mark.

The next tournament the team will participate in will be the Bud Light Memorial Day tournament Saturday and Sunday at Time-Warner Park, formerly Ancira Park.

Team AFGE 1840 will start summer league play in June with the goal of getting ready for a major tournament in the fall.

"By finishing in the top two at Budfest, we qualified for the World Softball Finals in Florida in September," Mumaw said.



Intramural Volleyball Standings

	Won	Lost
12th Operations Group	5	0
AETC/A1	4	0
12th Medical Group	4	1
AFPC	4	1
12th FTW/ MX	2	2
JPPSO	2	3
AFRS	1	4
AETC/A4M	1	4
12th Security Forces	1	4
AFMA	0	5

Sports BRIEFS

Air Force Marathon

Air Education and Training Command headquarters is looking for runners to be on the AETC team for the Air Force marathon in October at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Interested parties may fill out an AF Form 303 and submit it to Rick Prado at the Rambler Fitness Center.

Air Force Athlete of the Year

Nominations for 2008 Air Force Athlete of the Year are being accepted until Oct. 6. E-mail rick.prado@randolph.af.mil for instructions on submission of packets.

Softball players needed

The Rambler Fitness Center is looking for varsity-level softball players, both men and women. Players must be available for all games and practices. The season runs from August through January.

To sign up, e-mail Tech. Sgt. Dwayne Mumaw at dwayne.mumaw@randolph.af.mil.

Nite Hoops registration

Register for Nite Hoops Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through May 30. Nite Hoops is free for youth center members ages 13-18.

Participants must have a current physical. The Nite Hoops league runs June 1 through Aug. 4.

Call the youth center at 652-2088 for more information.

Volleyball clinic registration

Registration for the June volleyball clinic for girls ages 10-18 years old takes place Monday

through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through May 31.

The cost is \$40 plus activity fee or current membership. The clinic runs from May 31 to June 4 and is limited to 60 participants.

FitFactor enrollment

Stop by the youth center to enroll in the summer FitFactor program, "Get Up, Get Out & Get Fit".

Sports and cheerleading

All sports and cheerleading participants must have a current sports physical and either a current Randolph Youth Center membership or paid activity fee.

All participants must present valid proof of age, i.e. birth certificate or military ID card.

Registration is now though July 31. For cost information, call the youth center at 652-2088.

Special twilight pricing

Regular twilight pricing begins at 3 p.m. daily and the cost for a round of golf with cart is \$14 per person. Super Twilight pricing begins at 5:30 p.m. daily and the cost for a round of golf with cart is \$10 per person.

Tee times

Golfers should sign up for week-day tee times at the Randolph Oaks Golf Course at least two days in advance.

Drawings are held every Thursday for weekend tee times. Groups must have at least two active-duty members to qualify for a priority tee time.

To sign up for weekend tee times, e-mail tee.time@randolph.af.mil.